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Cameras add to risky behavior, study says

By Caitlin O'Farrell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It happens everyday. College, high school and even elementary students participate in risky behaviors such as lighting themselves on fire, extreme fighting and crashing into walls. Recently, three Cal Poly psychology professors conducted a study linking video cameras with the exaggeration of these behaviors.

The study began when psychology professor Charles Slem came home one night after being out with some friends. He wanted to show off the new computer monitor he purchased. On the desktop of the monitor were a couple of movie clips. Slem started to click on them and was shocked by what he found.

The clips showed his sons and some friends, all still in high school at the time, participating in risky, behavior.

One scene showed Slem's son throwing one of the other boys onto a flaming door propped up with two sawhorses. Another began with the boys running down the street trying to jump on moving cars as they swerve by.

These clips led to a study conducted by Slem, psychology professor Shawn Burn and psychology professor Ned Schultz. "The Role of the Home Video Camera in Risky Adolescent Behavior," was conducted by surveying 210 introductory psychology students to determine the frequency of risky behavior and the possible personality and social influence mechanisms that underlie such use, according to the study.

"It is not the risky behavior, it is the camera that is adding a new dimension by exaggerating the behavior amongst friends and social groups," Slem said. "It creates group cohesiveness and bonding, by talking about and watching the incident over and over."

Of the students surveyed, 86.2 percent reported engaging in at least one risky behavior during high school and college and 51.4 percent participated in the videotaping of at least one risky behavior incident. About half of the students said they exaggerated their behaviors because the camera was present, the study found.

Some of the risky behaviors include extreme sports, extreme physical activities, behavior likely to cause property damage, extreme reckless operation of a motorized vehicle, excessive drinking activities and displays of public nudity.

Only one media variable, exposure to MTV's "Jackass" television program was related to videotaping risky behavior. The study also found significant gender differences when it came to participating in these dan-

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bike theft ON the RISE

By John Pierson

It's midnight. Behind Sierra Madre someone suspiciously sneaks near the bike racks. The bolt cutter comes out, the lock is broken and the sneak makes off with a free 10-speed.

Bike theft on campus is up this year. Between 10 and 12 bikes have been stolen since the school term began in September.

"It's difficult to tell how much worse theft is," said University Police Department Commander Bill Watton.

"Year to year, we'll see some big upswings in theft when people come over from the valley," he said, "but we don't know if that's what's happening or if this has been a rash of local thefts."

Watton also said stolen bikes have been taken from all over campus; there is no central location where theft is more prevalent.

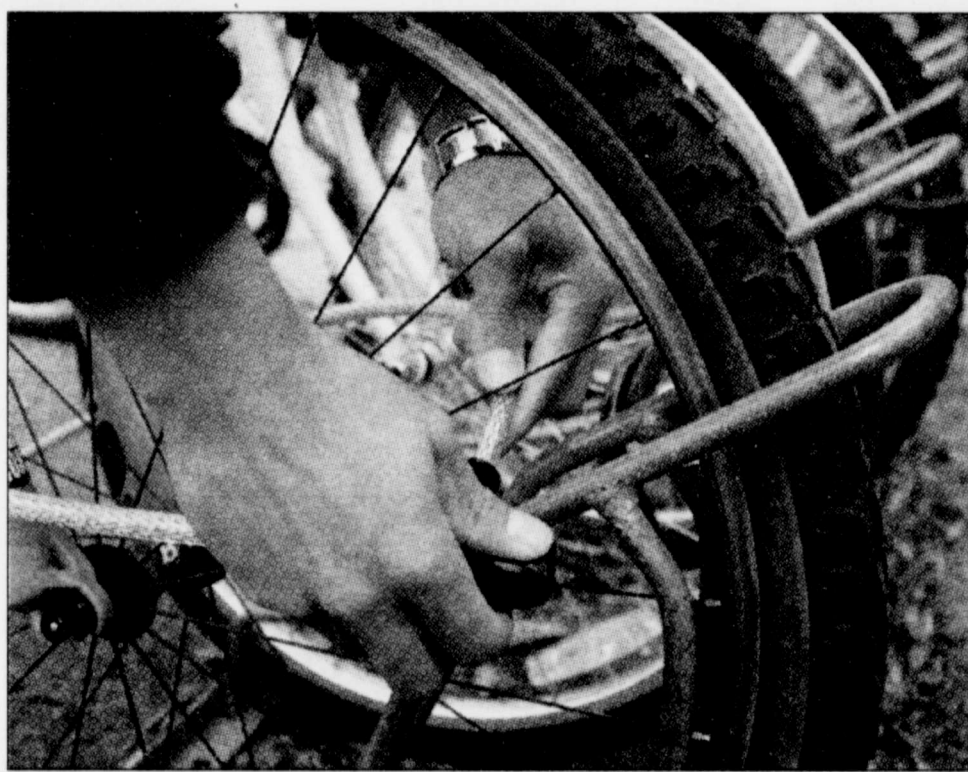
Agribusiness freshman Jason Diestel lives on campus and keeps his bike in his room.

"I have a Trek 5900, and it costs \$3,000," Diestel said. "I'd leave a \$50 to \$100 bike in the racks but not my bike. My bike is for going on long rides. I don't ride it to class."

One way to keep a bike safer is to keep it in a bike locker and not a rack.

Watton said access and commuter services has gotten funding to install more bike lockers on campus but did not know how many units will be added.

Debbie Anderson of ACS was unavailable for comment.



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Several students ride their bikes to class. To guard against theft, it is important that they lock up their bikes while in class.

• helpful hints •

• Don't use a cheap chain, get a U-lock or cable

• The more difficult you make it to steal your bike the better

• If you see someone suspicious around the bike racks, call the police

— University Police Department

Word

on the Street

Students speak on campus issues

How do you protect your bike on campus?



"I lock it up in the rack by the frame, not the wheel."

— Adam Toqe, graphic communications junior



"I lock it up on the end of a bike rack."

— Rebeka Levin, psychology junior

ECONOMY

Merchants see solid start

By Anne D'Innocenzio
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Thanksgiving weekend gave the nation's retailers a solid start to the holiday season, but stores that expected shoppers to have less interest in bargain-hunting were disappointed.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other discounters had the strongest sales, attracting crowds with specials on TVs, DVD players and toys. Department stores and mall-based apparel retailers were discounting less than they did last year, and their business was uneven.

"Sales appear to be better than last year, but the consumer is still value-oriented and is looking for sales," said Walter Loeb, who runs his own New York-based retail consulting firm.

A dozen people were standing in line Sunday morning at a Best Buy in Dunwoody, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta, waiting for doors to open at 10 a.m. Like many shoppers, Charles and Susan Lynch were willing to spend but hoping to get a good deal.

"I was unemployed this time last year so my economic situation has greatly improved," said Charles Lynch, who was looking for a home theater system.

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Having their say: Colleges' ties with parent group is growing

By Steve Giegerich
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Susan Jennings Lantz recalls just how involved her mom and dad were in her education at West Virginia University during the 1980s.

"My parents dropped me off, waved goodbye and that was that," she says.

Things are different today, as Lantz is well aware. As WVU's parent advocate — a salaried position at the Morgantown school — Lantz fields up to 4,000 calls a year to the school's Parents Club Helpline, asking about everything from roommate problems to transportation glitches to billing questions.

Like other educators and college administrators, she sees parents taking an increasingly active role on campuses across the country. One nonprofit group, College Parents of America, is in the early stages of a membership campaign aimed at mimicking the growth and lobbying success of AARP.

Many parents figure that if they're spending thousands of dollars on their child's education, they ought to have a voice, experts say. But there's more, says Lantz.

"These were the first kids to get the 'Baby on Board' signs," she says.

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"Their parents have been very active with them in elementary, middle and high school. They are soccer moms who aren't ready to release."

"It's not just the parents that are involved, a lot of students want their parents involved, too," Lantz says.

This summer, Jim Boyle became president of College Parents of America with the goal of raising the profile of the 900-member group, not quite a decade old, by increasing membership and lobbying.

For fees ranging from \$18 to \$26, Boyle intends for the group to provide an array of services, including answering questions for the parents of middle and high school students about college savings, financial aid and applications. In the style of the AARP, Boyle envisions his organization lobbying Congress on issues such as tuition tax credits.

The group is also working to provide parents of college students with materials on topics ranging from binge drinking to credit card abuse.

"A growing number of schools understand that a parent simply going away once they drop their child off at school is not an option

anymore," Boyle says.

"It's important to view the family, not just the student, and to communicate with the family every step of the way."

In many ways, parents have already opened those lines of communication with colleges and universities:

• At West Virginia, concerns about transportation raised by the 11,000-member Mountaineer Parents Club persuaded the school to establish a shuttle between the Morgantown campus and Pittsburgh International Airport.






• When a father worried that his daughter's car might break down on trips between her home and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, the OSU Parent's Association responded by enlisting local mechanics and car dealerships to provide free automobile maintenance checks to students before major holidays.

• At Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., 105 parents have signed up for a second-year program

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Local Weather

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	4:50 p.m.	4.04 feet
low	11:26 a.m.	2.35 feet
	11:09 p.m.	0.61 feet

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that encourages them to read and learn, via Internet postings by professors, about many of the same books their children are studying in the first-year core curriculum, including Homer's "Odyssey" and Plato's "Symposium."

"If our parents are well-informed about policies and where to refer their children in certain situations, they can be our partners rather than our adversaries," says Belinda Marner, the assistant vice president for student services at the University of Iowa.

Some 80 percent of the parents who contact West Virginia's helpline have general questions regarding tuition, fee payments and campus regulations, Lantz says. Federal privacy law prohibits her from disclosing certain personal information, including grades.

Then there are the few calls that defy definition, like the day a mother called and said her son wasn't breathing. Lantz called the student and, to her relief, he answered the phone.

"I thought that was a good sign," she said. "He just had a cold."

Lantz arranged for him to visit the student health center.

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gerous behaviors.

"The only connection was 'Jackass.' Students were much more likely to engage in risky behaviors if they had watched this show," Slem said. "Women were just as likely as men to be taped in outrageous environments when they were drinking."

The downside to this trend in dangerous actions, especially while being videotaped, is these sensation seekers tend to get injured by trying to out-do each other, and this poses a public health problem.

Thirteen percent of the students surveyed reported injuries resulting

from this risky behavior while 20 percent needed medical attention.

One third of all households have a video camera in the house, according to the study.

"Having a video camera can almost be likened to having a loaded gun in the house," Slem said.

"Males are three to four times more likely to engage in risk taking behavior because their general biological makeup."

Ned Schultz
psychology professor

Schultz said there are four types of sensation seekers. The first, thrill or danger seeking, gives the person a high from participating in dangerous behaviors. Novelty seeking is when someone is always looking to try new and different things and may end up partaking in

risky behaviors just because they are different. Disinhibition is when someone acts on an impulse and may have fewer controls for resisting them. Boredom is a susceptibility to being irritated by the same stimula-

tion over and over. To break out of this boredom, this type of person may look for an activity to escape from the monotony.

"Sensation seekers are at a higher risk of being injured physically, especially when it comes to vehicle crashes because of this dangerous behavior," Schultz said. "This is where the social significance comes into play."

Sensation seeking is thought to be biologically based and may be linked to hormones that stimulate the brain, such as testosterone.

"Males are three to four times more likely to engage in risk taking behavior because of their general biological makeup," Schultz said.

The study also found a connection to these dangerous behaviors and watching sports and stunt television.

"Sports television may show risky behavior that is more socially acceptable," Schultz said. "This behavior is

normalized by calling it a sport as opposed to a more extreme type of thing."

Some of the risky things students reported doing were jumping out of a second story window of Yosemite residence hall, putting a car into a swimming pool, dancing on a bar topless in Mexico, filming couples having sex and surfing on top of cars.

The study found that these behaviors, when enacted within a group were a way to initiate, consolidate and maintain group relationships. This is why people tend to ham it up in front of cameras; it is all about making impressions. The camera enhances group cohesion and gives the viewers and participants a sense of accomplishment.

"My sons were chagrined when we took away the vehicle to create their goodies, but they also held a certain level of pride in doing these things," Slem said. "They were proud of surviving."

SHOPPING

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Regina Elias, shopping for discounted Bratz dolls Sunday at a K-B Toys store in Manhattan, said she was feeling "a little better than last year" about her finances.

"I'm working a lot of overtime," said Elias, of Bayonne, N.J. But she said she plans to spend the same as last year, about \$1,000.

Michael P. Niemira, a retail industry analyst with Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., said of the weekend, "It was pretty good, but it wasn't spectacular."

He said business was stronger for discounters than it was for department stores and apparel merchants.

Although the economy is recovering and consumer confidence is on the rise, a shopper's own job security is often the greatest factor in how much he or she spends.

"I'm enjoying shopping this year," said Jane Howard, of Melrose, Mass., shopping at a Cambridge mall with her daughter Sunday. "I feel like I've got enough money. I'm very happy

because I've been in my job for a year."

Total retail sales Friday were up 4.8 percent to \$7.2 billion from the Friday after Thanksgiving a year ago, according to ShopperTrak, which tallies sales at 30,000 retail outlets. Last year's sales had been 6.8 percent higher than 2001 results.

For Friday and Saturday combined, total sales were up about 5.5 percent, said Niemira, a consultant with ShopperTrak.

Niemira said he still forecasts a sales gain of 4.5 percent for the November-December period, the best performance since 1999, when sales rose 5.4 percent. He based the estimate on sales from stores open at least a year, considered the best indicator of a retailer's health. Despite the strong start, last holiday season's results were unchanged from 2001.

While the Thanksgiving weekend starts the shopping spree, it no longer is the busiest period of the season. The busiest day over the past few years has been the Saturday before Christmas. The week before Christmas accounted for 41 percent of holiday sales a year ago, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Folsom teacher arrested on child porn charges

FOLSOM (AP) — A Folsom elementary school teacher has been arrested for allegedly possessing child pornography, police said.

Scott Erik Gmitter, 33, was booked on 10 misdemeanor counts after turning himself in to authorities Thursday at the Folsom Police Department, said Sgt. Steve Robinson. Gmitter was released after posting \$30,000 bail.

Gmitter, who is married and has two children, teaches fourth grade at Empire Oaks Elementary School. He was placed on unpaid administrative leave pending the completion of the criminal investigation, said Debbie Bettencourt, deputy superintendent of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

"We're just very disturbed about the whole situation," Bettencourt said.

Robinson said the arrest arose from a child's report of alleged inappropriate touching by Gmitter a couple of months ago.

The child is not one of Gmitter's students, but based on the child's statement, police obtained a search warrant for Gmitter's home and classroom, Robinson said.

Detectives searched the home Wednesday morning and seized property that included several computers and CD-ROMs, Robinson said. He said the discs contained illicit images of young children.

Police also seized a school computer used only by Gmitter, who has taught at Empire Oaks since the school opened in 2001, he said.

The confiscated materials will be turned over to FBI investigators for forensic analysis, Robinson said.

"The FBI is taking the computers to see if he was manufacturing or distributing photos," Robinson said.

Gmitter was traveling with his family when he was contacted by police and told to report to the police department.



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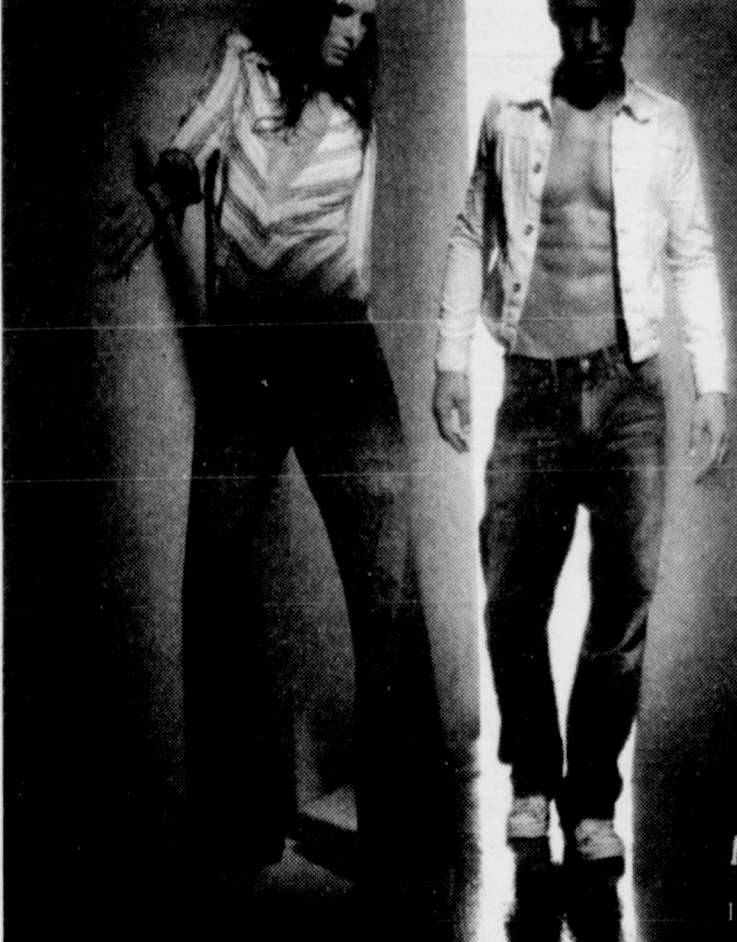
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National Roundup

SAN JOSE — At least five murders occurred over Thanksgiving weekend in a city renowned not only for its technology industry but also for its low crime rate.

The violence began Friday afternoon, when 44-year old Jeff Souza and his wife, 49-year old Beatrice Souza, were found dead in their San Jose home by Beatrice Souza's son, John Villasenor. Police declined to say how the couple died, but neighbors heard Villasenor, who lived with his mother and stepfather, shouting that his parents had been shot. The Santa Clara County coroner's report detailing how the victims died is expected to be released Monday.

San Jose Police spokeswoman Gina Tepoorten said they are not looking for suspects.

SANTA BARBARA — Sheriff's officials say they found several wireless microphones in a brushy area just outside their headquarters soon after Michael Jackson surrendered to face child molestation allegations.

The microphones could have been left behind accidentally, authorities said Saturday, but they consider that unlikely.

"It is being interpreted by the department as an attempt by somebody within the media to garner information that otherwise would not be available," said Sgt. Chris Pappas.

MIAMI — The 2003 Atlantic hurricane season was busier than usual, with 14 named storms blamed for 62 deaths by the season's end Sunday, but forecasters say it could have been worse.

Hurricane Fabian was the strongest of the storms to hit land, raking Bermuda with 120 mph wind that tore up roofs and roads in early September. Two weeks later, Hurricane Isabel plowed into North Carolina's Outer Banks with 100 mph wind.

The six-month hurricane season produced seven hurricanes, three of them major with sustained wind speeds of at least 111 mph.

AMBOY, Calif. — If big-city life has got you down, this desert hamlet 150 miles east of Los Angeles could be the perfect alternative.

Its 690 acres include the 150-acre town and its 1940s-era cafe, four operational gas pumps, 28 motel rooms and a post office, all located on historic Route 66.

There's only one catch. If you're looking to buy in Amboy, you'll have to buy the whole place, and a couple of people may be in line ahead of you.

Celebrity photographer Timothy White and his business partner, Walt Wilson, put the town on the market last July for \$1.9 million.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

ROME — Candlelight vigils, educational seminars and torchlight parades were planned around the globe Monday to mark World AIDS Day, while a U.S. delegation headed to hard-hit Africa to urge its leaders to increase awareness about the deadly virus.

Athletes were also getting into the spirit: The International Cricket Council said Sunday that players from Pakistan, New Zealand, West Indies, Zimbabwe, England and Sri Lanka would wear red ribbons during matches Monday to show their support for AIDS victims.

The United Nations reported last week that 2003 saw more deaths and infections from HIV and AIDS than ever before, with more than 3 million people killed and another 5 million infected.

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea says the United States should compensate for halting work on two nuclear reactors amid efforts to arrange a second round of six-nation talks on the communist state's atomic weapons program.

"The government is determined to certainly force the U.S. to compensate for all financial and material losses it caused" to North Korea by suspending work on the light water reactors, according to Rodong Sinmun, a North Korean state-run newspaper. The report was carried by KCNA, the North's official news agency.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — More than 100 men and boys will be transferred in the next two months from the U.S. jail for terrorism suspects in Cuba, including a teenager who allegedly killed an American special operations soldier, a U.S. military official said.

The first of two new transfers is scheduled for the end of December, and the other in January, the official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The detainees would be released from U.S. custody, but it was unclear if any would face further detention or prosecution in their home countries.

The official did not say where the prisoners would be sent and a military spokeswoman declined Sunday to provide details about future transfers from the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

MOSUL, Iraq — The U.S. military said Sunday for the first time that the collision of two Black Hawk helicopters in Mosul — the single deadliest incident of the war for American forces — may have been caused by enemy fire.

Until now, the military had not publicly disclosed a possible cause of the Nov. 15 collision, which killed 17 soldiers.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

EUGENE, Ore. — Stress is building up for many students as the end of the term draws near, and that may or may not be a good thing depending on the amount of stress students feel.

Senior Staff Psychologist Ron Miyaguchi at the University Counseling and Testing Center said students should maintain an optimum level of stress that is balanced between not enough and too much.

"When people are underactivated, they underperform," he said. "If you're not motivated, you procrastinate."

On the other hand, Miyaguchi said that if students are too stressed out, their performance can suffer.

"If you're overactivated, you scatter, you panic," he said.

BOSTON — The moment the Massachusetts Legislature says gay couples in the state can get married, Cambridge residents should be able to walk into city clerk offices and get marriage licenses, Cambridge city councilors agreed.

The council unanimously passed a resolution calling for the city clerk to "take all necessary steps to remove any impediment to same-sex marriage and to issue marriage licenses as soon as is legally possible." The resolution came in response to a state Supreme Judicial Court ruling that said banning gay marriages is unconstitutional in Massachusetts.

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blink-182 returns with mature attitude, refined effort

By Sean Dailey

MICHIGAN DAILY (UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Pop punk. Poser Punk. Mall Punk.

No matter what you call it, blink-182 (yeah, it's a lowercase "b") more or less invented it, or at least brought it to the mainstream. Bands like Good Charlotte, New Found Glory and The Starting Line owe their livelihoods to blink.

The band's fifth full-length album finds Mark, Tom and Travis going through more changes than merely capitalization issues. The self-titled "blink-182" is a large step forward for the boys, further blurring the line between emo and pop punk. Yes, there is a line.

In the interim between the band's last album, 2001's "Take Off Your Pants and Jacket," all three members explored differing solo projects. Guitarist Tom DeLonge and drummer Travis Barker collaborated on Box Car Racer. Barker also formed the Transplants with other punk rock notables. Bassist Mark Hoppus, well, he did vocals on that Simple Plan song.

The influence of these diversions can clearly be felt on this album. Most notable is the larger presence of DeLonge vocally, as well as a songwriter, as "blink-182" almost feels like a Box Car Racer album, featuring Hoppus.

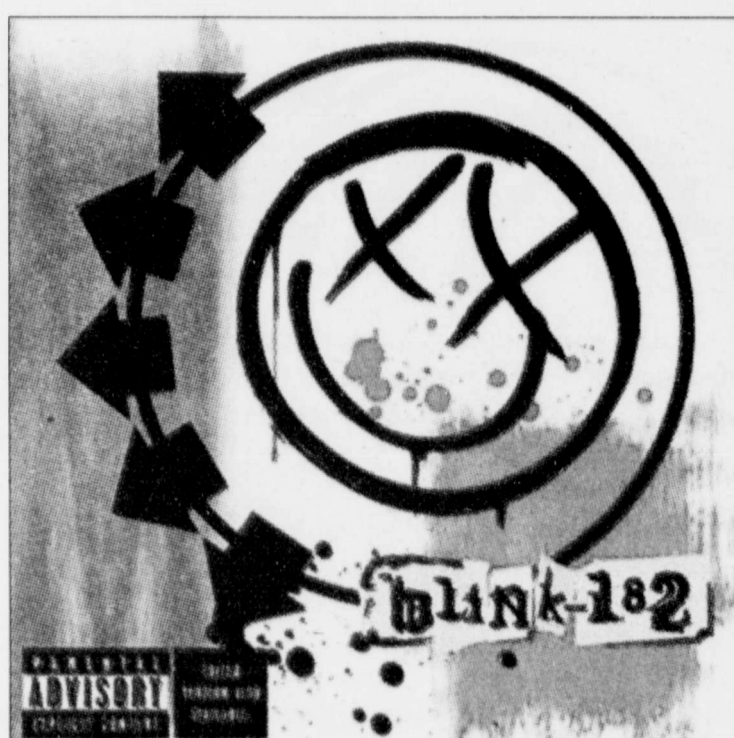
But where Box Car failed in repe-

tion and mediocrity, the new blink succeeds with a newfound diversity.

Gone is the toilet humor and silliness of the former blink. "blink-182" is dark and brooding, at times very angry and at others incredibly somber. "Violence," with its abrasive guitars, has DeLonge screaming "Like violence, you have me, forever and after / Like violence, you kill me."

That's not to say that the usual poppy singles aren't still thrown into the mix to add a bit of levity. Opening track "Feeling This" fits right in with the band's former efforts. "Go" is an equally fun song as well. The rest of the album does its best to break the conception of what a blink song is. "I Miss You" and "The Fallen Interlude" experiment with samples and drum machines.

With more than just the usual guitar/bass/drums combination, the album on the whole feels fuller than previous releases, and much more mature as well. "All of This," per-



COURTESY PHOTO

blink-182
"blink-182"

Geffen Records, 2003

haps the most moving track on the album, features bittersweet vocals from Robert Smith of the Cure. Since when are blink songs moving?

It only makes sense that the band is beginning to mature. Now in their 30s and with wives and children, it was about time. Perhaps because of their past, not in spite of it, the band's latest shines more brightly. "blink-182" is an unexpectedly strong album from three guys known for adolescent skateboard punk. Hopefully, they'll continue in this direction.



(From left) Tom DeLonge, Travis Barker and Mark Hoppus of blink-182 show a grown-up side, which they are not normally accustomed to, on their new self-titled release. Stand out tracks on the disc include the experimental "I Miss You" and "All of This," which features Robert Smith of The Cure.

COURTESY PHOTO

New University of Minnesota group discusses social ramifications of pants

By Paula Haynes

MINNESOTA DAILY (UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA)

MINNEAPOLIS — It was a cold and snowy afternoon, and Erica Eads looked on in horror as a man wearing shorts crossed the street near the University of Minnesota.

"That would be a pants-appropriate situation," she said.

And Eads should know. She's president of Tenga Pantalones, a newly registered university student group dedicated to discussing situations in which pants are appropriate.

Eads and two friends from her dorm came up with the idea over dinner earlier this month. The trio made it official when they paid the \$15 registration fee at the Student Activities Office, using quarters that

were originally meant to pay for club secretary Charles Swan's laundry.

"I thought it was funny and kind of different," said Sara Ferguson, the Student Activities Office employee who received the quarters.

Tenga Pantalones — Spanish for "I have pants" — now has 40 members, and the three founders said they have no idea what to do with them.

They've talked of holding a large forum with all its members to discuss pants, in addition to a clothing drive for pants, which would not accept capris, shorts or skirts.

"We deal with pure pants only," Swan said.

The group said society does not often address pants-related issues.

"At Taco Bell, they have a sign that says 'No shirt, no shoes, no ser-

vice,' but it doesn't say anything about pants," Eads said.

One thing the founders said they want to do is keep the club apolitical.

"Pants have nothing to do with abortion, religion or racism," Eads said.

Nor do they want to be preachy.

"They need to want to help themselves before we can do anything," said treasurer Kelly Frush, referring to the man wearing shorts in the snow.

They do, however, dream of a pants-related infomercial that could some day air during a U.S. president's State of the Union address.

"We're really, really random when we talk about things and sometimes that gets translated into reality," Swan said.



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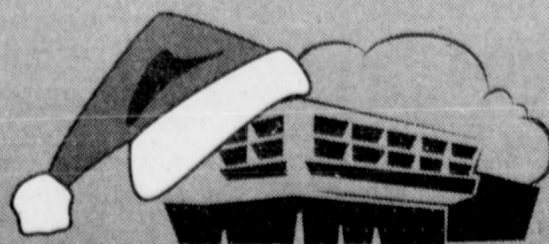
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hobbled by management and money problems, the AmeriCorps national service program stands to get a huge funding boost from Congress that could swell its

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Desmon Farmer scored 26 points, including six 3-pointers, and Southern California got by Cal State Northridge 75-69. The Trojans won their ninth consec-

utive home opener despite blowing a 15-point lead Sunday. Senior guard Desmon Farmer started USC on a game-opening 9-0 run with a 3-pointer. The Matadors answered with

12 straight points before the Trojans regrouped and ran off 11 in a row to take a 20-12 lead. Farmer scored 15 of USC's first 23 points. Northridge (1-2) got within two

points on a 7-0 run with 3:43 remaining in the first half, but USC outscored the Matadors 10-4 to end the half ahead 39-31. Davin White led four Northridge

players in double figures with 21 points. Chris Davis added 18 points, Joseph Frazier had 12 and Ian Boylan 11. USC freshman guard Quinton Day didn't play for disciplinary reasons.

The New York Times Crossword

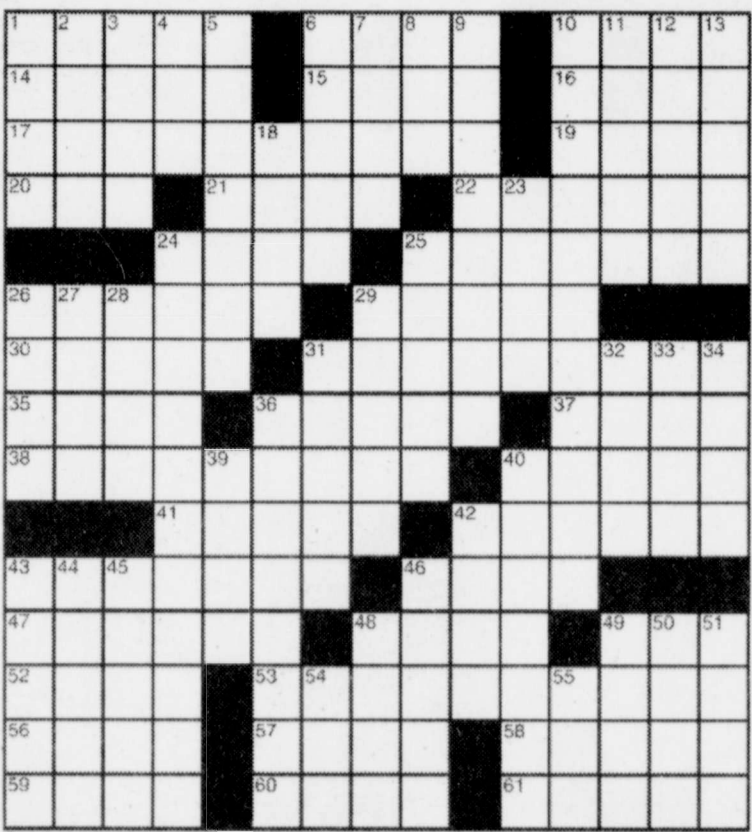
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Treaties
 - 6 Mushroomed
 - 10 Union concerns
 - 14 Where enfants learn
 - 15 Govern
 - 16 Aid and ____
 - 17 Al Capone's gang, once?
 - 19 Pepsi-____
 - 20 Boxer Norton who once defeated Ali
 - 21 Writer Uris
 - 22 Probable
 - 24 Where Anna met the king
 - 25 Brings in altogether
 - 26 Shooting star
 - 29 Take care of
 - 30 Bee-related
 - 31 Inhabitant of ancient Palestine

- 35 It's usually due on the first of the month
- 36 Budged
- 37 Prenoon period, in poetry
- 38 First person to fly a plane
- 40 Having prongs
- 41 Less strict
- 42 See 3-Down
- 43 Realms
- 46 Bugler's call
- 47 Tooted one's own horn
- 48 Watch's sound
- 49 Stun
- 52 Civil rights figure ____ Parks
- 53 Service for the Kennedys?
- 56 Soldiers and carpenters, e.g.
- 57 Asia's ____ Sea
- 58 Pig sounds
- 59 Netting

- DOWN**
- 1 Quantity of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked
 - 2 Flu symptom
 - 3 With 42-Across, starts of pro football games
 - 4 Dr. Mom's remedy, for short
 - 5 Flipped animal of the Pacific
 - 6 Horse handler
 - 7 Wreckage
 - 8 Building wing
 - 9 Up on literature
 - 10 Young Eudora Welty?
 - 11 Clarinet cousins
 - 12 Girl who has a ball
 - 13 Sticks around
 - 18 Paraphernalia
 - 23 Smidgen
 - 24 Microsoft workers' laundry?
 - 25 French playwright Jean
 - 26 Trading center
 - 27 Sporting blade
 - 28 Cookie containers



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- 29 Relish
- 31 Nat and Natalie
- 32 Atoms that have gained or lost electrons
- 33 Ring bearer
- 34 Terminals
- 36 Diverse assortment
- 39 Reduce, as expenses
- 40 Tuft of hair on the head
- 42 Cinco de Mayo dish
- 43 Vamoose
- 44 Lying face downward
- 45 Party givers
- 46 Sir or madam
- 48 Russia's Nicholas I, e.g.
- 49 Madcap
- 50 Inquires
- 51 "Hey, you!"
- 54 Miner's load
- 55 Fallen space station

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CAL POLY BASKETBALL

Back on the winning track

By Graham Womack

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Against the San Jose State Spartans on Saturday night, Cal Poly's past heroes could not be found.

Small forward Shane Schilling sat out injured, center Varnie Dennis had 14 points but spent much of the game in foul trouble and, although he pulled down nine rebounds and dished out six assists on the game, forward Nick Enzweiler did not score until the second half.

But it didn't matter.

Continuing the trend of this season, different unsung heroes led the Mustangs to victory. This time, reserve forward Mike Titchenal and senior two-guard Eric Jackson performed in the face of a quick and scrappy Spartan defense.

"A lot of it was them focusing so much on Varnie and Nick," Jackson said. "... Titch and myself, we came out and scored some key buckets."

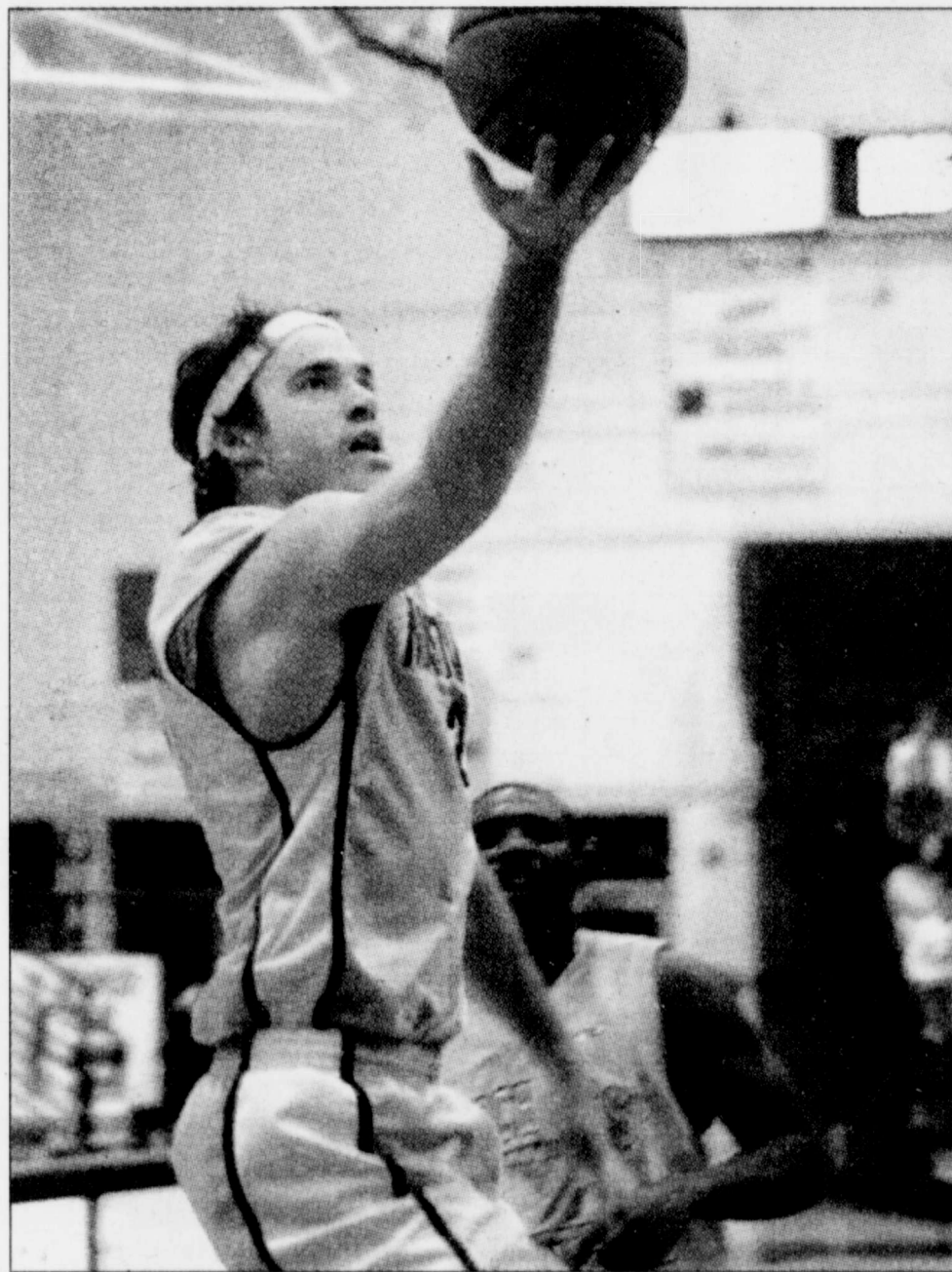
Titchenal put the Mustangs ahead with a slew of three-pointers in the first half and Jackson scored 10 of his 14 points in the second, as the Mustangs hung on to beat the Spartans 70-62.

Following the Mustangs 73-62 loss to Colorado on Wednesday, Cal Poly improved to 2-1 and grabbed its first home win this season, before 2,640 fans at Mott Gym.

"We needed this one to get back on the track that we belong and that's the winning track," center Vlade Lisinac said.

Saturday night marked the first match between Cal Poly and San Jose State since 1955. Though the Spartans are coming off a 7-21 past season, the game Saturday was highly anticipated.

"Eight years ago, we were talking



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Eric Jackson had 14 points and four steals in Saturday's win.

about the marquee game for Cal Poly being (against) San Jose State," Cal Poly coach Kevin Bromley said.

Early on, anyone expecting a marquee game may have demanded their money back. The Mustangs fell behind 12-8 in the opening minutes, missing volumes of shots, including six of seven from three-point land, before Titchenal started making three point-

ers.

His first three-pointer cut the Spartan lead to 12-11. By the time Titchenal made his third shot from downtown, less than three minutes later at 8:22, the Mustangs had a 21-15 advantage. Cal Poly pushed the lead to 29-20 before the Spartans went on a 14-4 run to take a 34-33 lead into halftime.

Bromley could have embarked on a locker-room tirade with the Mustangs shooting just 35 percent on the half, including 19 percent from beyond the arc. Instead, he reminded the Mustangs that the right players were getting looks and taking shots, and the shots merely weren't falling.

"We were persistent," Lisinac said. "In the second half, we knew what we had to do."

Jackson scored five points in the opening minutes after the break to put the Mustangs up 40-38, and the Spartans never regained the lead. The score stayed as close as 53-50 with 7:19 left, but the Spartans then missed three of four free throws and clanked six of eight shots in the ensuing six minutes.

Dennis fouled out with 0:45 left, and Spartan Demetrius Brown made it 65-58 after his foul shot. Even these points, which brought his game-high total to 16 points, couldn't help surmount the Mustangs.

"We have to be the aggressors," Lisinac said. "That's coach's words. And I think we were that tonight."

The Mustangs pulled down a season-high 44 boards to the Spartans' 40, marking the first time this season Cal Poly has out-rebounded an opponent. Additionally, the Mustangs dished out 16 assists and forced 18 turnovers. Cal Poly also improved their shooting to 44 percent in the second half. It would have been over 50 percent if not for 1-6 three-point shooting.

Ultimately, the Mustangs' performance and depth were enough to impress Jackson.

"This team warrants the hype it's getting," Jackson said.

Friday: Mustangs cannot close deal against Colorado

• Mustangs get within five points in closing minutes but cannot pull out another upset

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Junior center David Harrison scored 22 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked four shots to lead Colorado to a 73-62 victory over Cal Poly in a non-conference men's basketball game before a sellout crowd of 3,032 Wednesday night in Mott Gym.

Harrison made 10 of his 18 floor shots and seven of his rebounds were on the offensive end of the floor. Senior guard Michel Morandais added 16 points while senior forward Blair Wilson contributed 14 points and 10 boards for the Buffaloes (2-1).

Cal Poly (1-1) was paced by senior center Varnie Dennis with 19 points

and seven rebounds. Junior forward Nick Enzweiler added 15 points and seven rebounds while senior guard Eric Jackson scored 12 points.

Colorado out-rebounded Cal Poly 45-36 and each team turned the ball over 14 times.

Colorado went on a 25-5 run in the first half to turn a 16-11 deficit into a 36-21 advantage with 3:21 remaining. Freshman guard Marcus Hall capped the run with a layup.

The Buffaloes settled for a 38-28 lead at the break.

Cal Poly slowly closed the gap in the second half and trailed by four points, 58-54, with 5:30 remaining on a 21-foot three-pointer by Nick Enzweiler from the left side of the key. It was Colorado 64-59 with two minutes to go when Cal Poly missed three consecutive shots. The Buffaloes outscored the Mustangs 9-3 the rest of the way, sinking seven of nine free throws.

Wednesday: Women suffer first loss of season

• Arkansas State outscores Mustangs by 21 in second half on way to blowout win

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Arkansas State shot 54 percent from the floor and scored over 40 points in each half en route to an 89-60 victory over Cal Poly in a non-conference women's basketball game Tuesday night.

Katie Caraway led the way for the Lady Indians with 22 points, hitting seven of nine floor shots and all four of her free throws. Amber Abraham added 14 points while Catriece Webster had 13 and Brooke Shelby had 12.

Cal Poly had a trio of double-digit scorers, led by freshman point guard Sparkle Anderson with 17 points and five steals. Junior forward Katy Paterson added 10 points

and six rebounds while senior guard Catrina Taylor came off the bench to contribute 10 points.

Arkansas State, now 2-0 on the season, led 45-37 at halftime and steadily pulled away in the second half as Cal Poly made just 28 percent of its floor shots after the break and finished at 41 percent.

Cal Poly out-rebounded Arkansas State 36-28 but turned the ball over 31 times, five more than the Lady Indians. The Mustangs also were called for 27 personal fouls, with forward Kianey Givens-Davis fouling out.

The loss was the first for Cal Poly in three games this season. The Mustangs had beaten the Lady Indians 73-68 a year ago in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly returns with a pair of home games next week in Mott Gym. The Mustangs host Air Force on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. and UC Davis on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.



SCORES

M Basketball	VS.	San Jose State
70		62
Varnie Dennis (F) - 14 points		
W Basketball	@	Arkansas State
60		89
Sparkle Anderson (G) - 17 points		
M Basketball	VS.	Colorado
62		73
Varnie Dennis (F) - 19 points		
W Basketball	VS.	Portland State
75		63
Sparkle Anderson (G) - 17 points		
Volleyball	@	#19 UCSB
3		2
Molly Duncan (OH) - 20 kills		
Football	VS.	Humboldt State
56		21
Chris Peterson (QB) - 5 touchdowns		

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M Basketball	@ Loyola Marymount
weds, dec. 3, 7 p.m.	
Wrestling	@ Cal State Fullerton
weds, dec. 3, 7 p.m.	
W Basketball	VS. Air Force
thurs, dec. 4, 7 p.m.	
Wrestling	@ Las Vegas Invit.
fri, dec. 5, 9 a.m.	
W Basketball	VS. UC Davis
sat, dec. 6, 2 p.m.	
M Basketball	VS. Sacramento State
sat, dec. 6, 7 p.m.	
W Swim & Dive	@ Pepperdine
sat, dec. 6, noon	
M Basketball	VS. Cal Baptist
sat, dec. 13, 7 p.m. (exhib.)	
W Basketball	@ LMU
sat, dec. 13, 2 p.m.	

Stats

Keep reading...

All-Big West

Senior outside hitter Molly Duncan was named first-team All-Big West. For the season Duncan recorded 379 kills, 293 digs, 122 blocks and 67 assists.

Sophomore outside hitter Vanessa Gilliam earned honorable mention honors. She had 324 kills, 129 digs, 96 blocks and 32 service aces.

Trivia

Today's question

Who was the first woman to play on the Asian PGA Tour?

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Monday's Question

What two teams have been to the second round of the NCAA tournament the most consecutive seasons?

Kansas and Kentucky

Congratulations to no one!

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